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This electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on issues affecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

BDCP environmental reports delivered to agencies for review

The administrative draft environmental impact report and environmental impact statement for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) has been delivered to government agencies for their feedback. The document will be made available to the public by the week of May 6. Administrative drafts aren't usually released to the public. It is being done in this case to allow additional opportunity for public review. Contact information and more details are on the <u>BDCP website</u>.

BDCP meeting video and materials posted online

The <u>video</u> of last week's BDCP meeting has been posted online. During the meeting, staff members answered questions about the first seven chapters of the BDCP. Some of the materials presented included a brochure on the <u>expected outcomes</u> of the plan. Chapters 8-12 of the BDCP revised administrative draft are scheduled to be released the week of April 22. A public meeting to discuss those chapters will be held early next month. Details will be posted <u>here</u>.

DSC modifications open to public comment until April 22

A 15-day comment period on modified Delta Plan documents started April 8 and will run through Monday, April 22. At last month's meeting, the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) made some modifications to the proposed regulations that will be used to carry out the policies written into the final draft of the Delta Plan. The modified text and instructions for submitting comments are available <a href="here">here</a>. The next <a href="DSC meeting">DSC meeting</a> will be April 25, in Sacramento.

Report chronicles the story behind the Delta Dialogues

The story behind last year's <u>Delta Dialogues</u> is available in a report published by the Delta Conservancy. The dialogues were held during a six-month period in 2012 as a way to develop trust and a shared understanding among a range of Delta stakeholders. The report chronicles the successes and setbacks that were part of the process. The conservancy's board of directors has given the executive director the authority



to enter an agreement for a second round of dialogues. Some of the details are available in an <u>agenda attachment</u> from last month's meeting.

Public workshops set for Delta facilities improvement project Public comments are being accepted for the draft <u>Mitigated Negative Declaration for Delta Flood Emergency Facilities Improvement Project</u>. The purpose of the project is to ensure state agencies have appropriate infrastructure and supplies to deal with major floods and earthquakes in the Delta. Public workshops will be held Monday, April 22, in Rio Vista and Wednesday, April 24, in Stockton. Details, including instructions on submitting comments, are on the <u>project's webpage</u>.

National strategy will help with climate change adaptation

The Obama administration has released a national strategy for reducing the effects of climate change on natural resources. *The National Fish, Wildlife & Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy* covers a variety of key steps needed to be taken over the next five years. A highlights bro-



chure of the report is also available. Details are available in this news release.



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